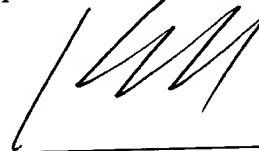


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The text of the application has been amended to reflect a priority claim of a German patent application.

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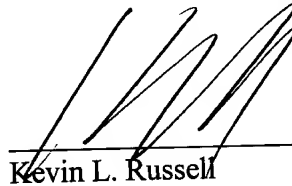


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